In the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listings of claims

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (I):

$$Z$$
 R^3
 R^5
 R^5

formula (I)

wherein **A** is 5-membered heteroaryl containing a nitrogen atom and optionally containing one or two further nitrogen atoms;

X is O, S, S(O), S(O)₂ or NR¹⁴; **m** is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

Z is a group selected from $-NR^1R^2$, phosphonooxy, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl which C_{3-6} cycloalkyl is substituted by phosphonooxy or C_{1-4} alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy, and a 4- to 7-membered ring linked via a carbon atom containing a nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further nitrogen atom, which ring may be saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by phosphonooxy or C_{1-4} alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy, and wherein the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4} alkyl groups;

 R^1 is a group selected from $-COR^8$, $-CONR^8R^9$ and C_{1-6} alkyl which C_{1-6} alkyl is substituted by phosphonooxy and optionally further substituted by 1 or 2 halo or methoxy groups; R^2 is a group selected from hydrogen, $-COR^{10}$, $-CONR^{10}R^{11}$ and C_{1-6} alkyl which C_{1-6} alkyl is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4} alkoxy groups or $-S(O)_pR^{11}$ (where p is 0, 1 or 2) or phosphonooxy, or R^2 is a group selected from C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{1-4} alkyl:

or R^1 and R^2 together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 4- to 7- membered ring optionally containing a further nitrogen atom which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or partially saturated wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by a group selected from phosphonooxy and C_{1-4} alkyl which C_{1-4} alkyl is substituted by phosphonooxy or $-NR^8R^9$, and where the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4} alkyl groups;

 R^3 is a grou[[o]]p selected from hydrogen, halo, cyano, nitro, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, $-OR^{12}$, $-CHR^{12}R^{13}$, $-OC(O)R^{12}$, $-C(O)R^{12}$, $-NR^{12}C(O)R^{13}$, $-C(O)NR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NR^{12}SO_2R^{13}$ and $-NR^{12}R^{13}$:

 R^4 is hydrogen or a group selected from C_{1-4} alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl C_{1-4} alkyl, aryl and aryl C_{1-4} alkyl which group is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substitutents substituents selected from halo, methyl, ethyl, cyclopropyl and ethynyl;

 R^5 is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-4} alkenyl, C_{2-4} alkynyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{1-4} alkyl;

R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, hydroxy and C₁₋₄alkoxy;

 R^8 is C_{1-4} alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy and optionally further substituted by 1 or 2 halo or methoxy groups;

R⁹ is selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₄alkyl;

 R^{10} is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl (optionally substituted by halo, C_{1-4} alkoxy, $S(O)_q$ (where q is 0, 1 or 2) or phosphonooxy);

R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₄alkyl and heterocyclyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is a group of formula (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e):

where * is the point of attachment to the X group of formula (I) and ** is the point of attachment to the (CR⁶R⁷) group of formula (I); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 3. (original) A compound according to claim 2 wherein A is a group of formula (a) as defined in claim 2; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 4. (currently amended) A compound[[s]] according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 3 claim 1 wherein X is NH; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 5. (currently amended) A compound according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1 wherein Z is -NR¹R² or a 5- to 6-membered saturated ring linked via a carbon atom containing a nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further nitrogen atom, wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by phosphonooxy or C₁₋₄alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 6. (currently amended) A compound according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1 wherein R^1 is C_{1-5} alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy and R^2 is a group selected from hydrogen and C_{1-6} alkyl which C_{1-6} alkyl is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4} alkoxy groups, or R^2 is a group selected from C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{1-4} alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 7. (currently amended) A compound according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1 wherein R¹ is 2-phosphonooxyethyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 8. (currently amended) A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 5 claim 1 where Z is $-NR^1R^2$ and R^1 and R^2 together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a piperidine, pyrrolidine or piperazine ring which is substituted by a group selected from phosphonooxy, phosphonooxymethyl, 2-phosphonooxyethyl, N-ethyl-N-(2-phosphonooxyethyl)aminomethyl and N-(2-phosphonooxyethyl)aminomethyl and where the ring is optionally further substituted by 1 or 2 methyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 9. (original) A compound according to claim 8 wherein R¹ and R² together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form 2-(phosphonooxymethyl)pyrrolidinyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 10. (currently amended) A compound according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1 wherein R⁴ is 3-fluorophenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl or 2,3-difluorophenyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. (currently amended) A compound according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1 wherein R^3 is $C_{1.4}$ alkoxy, halo or hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

12. (original) A compound selected from: $\{1-[3-(\{4-[(5-\{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl\}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-upracol-3-yl)amino]-6-upracol-3-ylondon-2-oxoethyl-1-[3-(\{4-[(5-\{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl\}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-upracol-3-ylondon-2-oxoethyl-1-[3-([4-[(5-\{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-upracol-3-ylondon-3-yl$ methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]piperidin-4-yl}methyl dihydrogen phosphate; 2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3,5-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](ethyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate; {(2S)-1-[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3,5-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}methyl dihydrogen phosphate; {(2R)-1-[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3,5-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}methyl dihydrogen phosphate; {(2S)-1-[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl\oxy)propyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl\methyl dihydrogen phosphate; 2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](propyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate; 2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](isobutyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate; 2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3,5-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](isobutyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate; 2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3,5-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](propyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate; 2-[[3-([4-[(5-[2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](isobutyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate; yl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate; 1-[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]piperidin-3-yl dihydrogen phosphate; {(2R)-1-[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}methyl dihydrogen phosphate; 2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3,5-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate; 2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-

methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](isopropyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;

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2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-
methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-[[3-([4-[(5-[2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-
methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](2-methoxyethyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-
methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{(cyclobutylmethyl)[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-
yl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-[[3-([4-[(5-[2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-
methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl](3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{allyl[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-
methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{cyclobutyl[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-
methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{cyclopentyl[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-
methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{cyclopropyl[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-
methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{(cyclopropylmethyl)[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-
yl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{cyclobutyl[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-6-
methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{4-[({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)propyl](ethyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)propyl](isopropyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
3-\{[3-(\{4-[(5-\{2-[(2,3-difluor ophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl\}-1 \\ \textit{H}-pyrazol-3-yl)amino] \\ quinazolin-7-pyrazol-3-yl)amino] \\ quinazolin-7-pyrazol-3-yl)amin
yl}oxy)propyl]amino}-3-methylbutyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{(2S)-1-[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-
quinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
{(2R)-1-[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-
quinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-[[3-([4-[(5-[2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)propyl](propyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
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2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)propyl](butyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
quinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
{(2S)-1-[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1}H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1
quinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
\{(2S)-1-[3-(\{4-[(5-\{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl\}-1 \\ H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-h-pyrazol-3-yl-pyrazol-3-yl-pyrazol-3-yl-pyrazol-3-yl-pyrazol-3-yl-pyrazol-3-yl-pyrazol-3-yl-pyrazol-3-yl-pyrazol-3-yl-pyrazol-
yl}oxy)propyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{cyclopentyl[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-
quinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)propyl](ethyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)propyl]amino}-2-methylpropyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)propyl](propyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
yl}oxy)propyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
3-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)propyl](ethyl)amino]propyl dihydrogen phosphate
2-[[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)propyl](2-methoxyethyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate
2-[[4-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)butyl](propyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-[[4-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)butyl](ethyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
{(2R)-1-[4-(4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-}
quinazolin-7-yl}oxy)butyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-[[4-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]quinazolin-7-
yl}oxy)butyl](methyl)amino]ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
{(2S)-1-[4-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)amino]-
quinazolin-7-yl}oxy)butyl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}methyl dihydrogen phosphate; and
2-{ethyl[3-({6-fluoro-4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-pyrazol-3-
yl)amino]quinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
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13. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

14.-17. (cancelled)

- 18. (currently amended) A method of treating a human suffering from a disease in which the inhibition of one or more Aurora kinases is beneficial, comprising the steps of administering to a person in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as defined in according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 19. (currently amended) A method of treating a human suffering from colorectal, breast, lung, prostate, pancreatic or bladder and renal cancer or leukemias or lymphomas, comprising the steps of administering to a person in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as deinined in according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 20. (currently amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) as defined in according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which process comprises converting a compound of formula (II) into a compound of formula (I) by phosphorylation of an appropriate hydroxy group:

$$R^3$$
 R^4
 R^5
 R^7
 R^6

formula (II)

where A, X, m, R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 and R^9 are as defined for formula (I); and **Z**' is a group selected from $-NR^{1'}R^{2'}$, hydroxy, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl which C_{3-6} cycloalkyl is substituted by hydroxy or C_{1-4} alkyl substituted by hydroxy, and a 4- to 7-membered ring linked via a carbon atom containing a nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further nitrogen atom, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or partially saturated wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by hydroxy or C_{1-4} alkyl substituted by hydroxy and wherein the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4} alkyl groups; $R^{1'}$ is a group selected from $-COR^{8'}$, $-CONR^{8'}R^9$ and C_{1-6} alkyl which C_{1-6} alkyl is substituted by hydroxy and

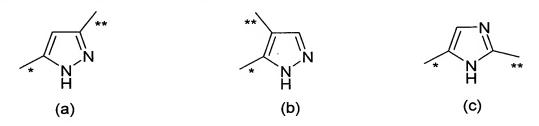
optionally further substituted by 1 or 2 halo or methoxy groups; $R^{2'}$ is a group selected from hydrogen, $-COR^{10}$, $-CONR^{10}R^{11}$ and C_{1-6} alkyl which C_{1-6} alkyl is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4} alkoxy groups or $-S(O)_pR^{11}$ (where p is 0, 1 or 2) or hydroxy, or R^2 is a group selected from C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{1-4} alkyl; or $R^{1'}$ and $R^{2'}$ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 4- to 7- membered ring optionally containing a further nitrogen atom which may be saturated, unsaturated or partially saturated wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by a group selected from hydroxy and C_{1-4} alkyl which C_{1-4} alkyl is substituted by hydroxy or $-NR^8$ ' R^9 and where the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4} alkyl groups; and where R^8 ' is C_{1-4} alkyl substituted by hydroxy and optionally further substituted by 1 or 2 halo or methoxy groups:

and thereafter if necessary:

- i) converting a compound of formula (I) into another compound of formula (I); and/or
- ii) removing any protecting groups; and/or
- iii) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (new) The method according to claim 18 wherein Aurora kinase is Aurora-A kinase or Aurora-B kinase.

22. (new) A compound according to claim 1, wherein: **A** is a group of formula (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e):



where * is the point of attachment to the X group of formula (I) and ** is the point of attachment to the (CR⁶R⁷) group of formula (I):

X is NH;

m is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

Z is –NR¹R² or a 5- to 6-membered saturated ring linked via a carbon atom containing a nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further nitrogen atom, which ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by phosphonooxy or C₁₋₄alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;

R¹ is C₁₋₅alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;

 R^2 is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-6} alkyl which C_{1-6} alkyl is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4} alkoxy groups or R^2 is selected from C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{1-4} alkyl;

or R¹ and R² together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a saturated 5- to 6-membered ring optionally containing a further nitrogen atom wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by a group selected from phosphonooxy and C₁₋₄alkyl which C₁₋₄alkyl is substituted by phosphonooxy or –NR⁸R⁹, and where the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen by 1 or 2 C₁₋₄alkyl groups;

R³ is C₁₋₄alkoxy, halo or hydrogen;

R4 is phenyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 of fluoro or chloro;

R⁵ is hydrogen or methyl; and

R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro or methyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23. (new) A compound according to claim 1, wherein:

A is a group of formula (a):

where * is the point of attachment to the X group of formula (I) and ** is the point of attachment to the (CR⁶R⁷) group of formula (I);

X is NH;

m is 1, 2 or 3;

Z is $-NR^1R^2$:

R¹ is C₁₋₅alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;

 R^2 is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-6} alkyl which C_{1-6} alkyl is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4} alkoxy groups, or R^2 is selected from C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{1-4} alkyl;

R³ is C₁₋₄alkoxy, halo or hydrogen;

R4 is phenyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 of fluoro or chloro;

R⁵ is hydrogen; and

R⁶ and R⁷ are each hydrogen;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24. (new) A compound according to claim 1 wherein:

A is a group of formula (a):

where * is the point of attachment to the X group of formula (I) and ** is the point of attachment to the (CR⁶R⁷) group of formula (I);

X is NH;

m is 1, 2 or 3;

Z is $-NR^1R^2$;

R¹ is C₁₋₅alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;

 R^2 is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-6} alkyl which C_{1-6} alkyl is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4} alkoxy groups, or R^2 is selected from C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl C_{1-4} alkyl;

R³ is hydrogen;

R⁴ is phenyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 of fluoro or chloro;

R⁵ is hydrogen; and

R⁶ and R⁷ are each hydrogen;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 12 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.